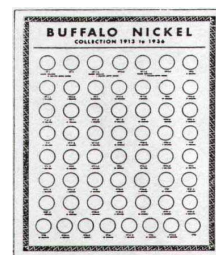


Coin Board News

For Collectors of Antique Coin Boards

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SHORT AND SWEET This quarter's newsletter is a bit shorter than usual, since there simply isn't that much news to report. Also, I've acquired no noteworthy coin boards in my travels, so once again there is no price list. I do, however, have an exciting offer of a very rare collectable item. You'll find the details by reading further.

MARKET ACTIVITY There have been precious few listings of coin boards since my last newsletter. The supply has nearly dried up completely, and I've acquired no pieces for either my own collection or my inventory during this time. Those few boards which did appear without coins have been rather ordinary items that failed to sell in the \$10-25 range. Some of these would have been good buys without the shipping cost, which typically seems to be excessive in most instances. There have been a handful of additional listings that included coins, and these are usually priced too high for the value of the coins. Unless the board itself is exceptional, they will not sell.

BOOK UPDATES The only new board variety known to me since the last issue is O25¢Bx, which is similar on its face to earlier varieties but with the 'x' backing. I do have a correction to CBN #31: The Colonial Coin & Stamp Company board for commemorative half dollars having double thickness (C50¢B2b) is the variety known previously, while the newly discovered variety (C50¢B2a) is of normal thickness. Reader Chris Buck reported an error in my Oberwise catalog: on page 187 the date span of O10¢Bt actually reads 1916 to DATE. While I was confirming this I noticed that varieties O10¢Bl and O10¢Bn have no date span at all in their titles.

NATIONAL COIN ALBUM BOOK At the ANA Convention in Illinois I was pleased to receive an Extraordinary Merit award from the Numismatic Literary Guild for my magnum opus, which celebrates its first anniversary in October. This award is a bit of a compromise, as both this title and my previous book on coin boards don't fit any existing entry category for the NLG awards and thus are ineligible for a class award. It's a bit disappointing that I can't really compete, but that's the risk one runs when breaking new ground.

VERY SPECIAL OFFER One of the great rarities cataloged and illustrated in my book on National Coin Albums is the coin Christmas Tree published by The Beistle Company, manufacturer of all Wayne Raymond coin albums and holders. This was issued for Christmas 1957 on the 30th anniversary of M. L. Beistle's Unique Coin Holder, the precursor of what became The National Coin Album. When preparing my book I'd seen only the worn example in my own collection, which I purchased with the original coins still in place, and one other held by a fellow collector. Recently, however, I was able to purchase a small hoard of unused examples in Near Mint condition. These, of course, are coinless, but I'm able to offer them through this newsletter while they last at the bargain price of \$25 postpaid. Please see the photos accompanying this newsletter.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN I'll be attending the Whitman Coin Expo in Baltimore October 30 – November 1. I'm tentatively scheduled for the Money Show of the Southwest in Houston, December 4-6, but this is subject to change. I hope to see some of you at the NGC booth for a bit of coin board chat.

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